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Closed Shop Bill Vetoed By Louisiana's Governor

NEW ORLEANS—Labor scored a major victory when a bill to make closed shop contracts illegal in Louisiana was vetoed by Gov. James H. Davis.

As the action came only a few days before the State Legislature, by constitutional limitation, was scheduled to end its session, it was regarded as highly unlikely that the measure could be passed over the veto.

In his veto message, the Governor took the view that the Cleveland Bill, as the measure was known, would interfere with the right of collective bargaining for Louisiana employers and workers, and that it would contravene such Federal enactments as the Labor Relations Act, the Railway Labor Act, and the Fair Labor Standards Act. He referred to the other proposed regulatory measures on the Legislature's calendar as "more reasonable and more susceptible of practical enforcement," and it may be that this implied endorsement on the Governor's part will help one or both of them to final passage.

The Governor pointed out that there has been no widespread labor difficulty in Louisiana during the reconversion period, and promised to convoke a special session of the Legislature to deal with such a situation, if it should arise.

This measure, needing a simple majority, passed both Houses, although by less than two-thirds of either one of them. A vote of two-thirds would be needed to over-ride the Governor's veto. Mr. Davis waited until nearly midnight of July 8, when the bill would have become law without his signature, before sending his veto measure to the House.

Move for 1000 On Minimum Pay Bill

WASHINGTON (ILNS)—Representative Andrew J. Biemiller of Wisconsin has begun a move to force a vote in the House on the bill for higher minimum wages under the Fair Labor Standards Act.

Biemiller filed a petition to take from the Rules Committee a Senate-approved measure increasing the statutory minimum from 40 to 65 cents an hour. If signed by 218 members it will bring the legislation to the floor.

Despite Biemiller's move, some legislators friendly to the legislation said they saw little chance for its enactment. The Senate tacked to it a rider to boost farm prices and, they said, President Truman undoubtedly would veto it if it reached him with the rider attached.

A Los Angeles First

Signing the first closed shop agreement by the Building Service Employees' International Union and the culinary unions in Los Angeles will be hailed by all Labor, especially in face of the terrific opposition being manifested by anti-labor forces in California. The agreement covers the Rosslyn Hotel, which is a moderate priced hotel in downtown Los Angeles. The new owner, Mr. Herman Cohn, formerly operated the United Artists and Embassy theaters in San Francisco. Negotiating for the BSEIU were George Hardy, Luther Daniels, Jack Depo, William Sloan and Stanley Isaacs. For Joint Board of Culinary Workers were Walter Cowan and J. Van Hook. Visitors to L. A. are requested to patronize the Rosslyn Hotel.

Withholding Strike Opposed

WASHINGTON (ILNS)—Government action against industry and producers withholding goods from the market for higher prices was urged on President Truman in a telegram from Harvey W. Brown, president of the International Association of Machinists. "Results of these goods withholding strikes are more paralyzing and far-reaching than any of the strikes conducted by Organized Labor," Brown pointed out.

Jobs Increase in Cleveland

CLEVELAND—A survey by the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce shows the second largest monthly employment gain since V-J Day. During June an increase of 3,260 workers marked a 3 per cent rise in 100 industrial plants.

Kansas Farmer and the OPA

(FROM THE NEW YORK TIMES)

(Colored through the following conversation may be, it comes as close to an analysis of the nation's state of mind as the present confused situation will permit.—Editor)

Farmer—Well, young man, what's new Down East? Reporter—The OPA's dead.

Farmer—That's fine. Now we can get more for our wheat and meat.

Reporter—Yes, but the President says you'll probably have to pay more for what you buy. Maybe \$225 more for cars and 13 percent more for farm machinery.

Farmer—They can't do that to us. Prices are too high already. What we want is price control on what we buy and no price control on what we sell.

Reporter—That's what Labor wants; price control on your wheat and no price control on their wages. Same with industrial management; price control on Labor's wages and your wheat but no price control on its products.

Farmer—That makes it tough, don't it? Who killed OPA?

Reporter—The President vetoed it.

Farmer—I thought he was for it.

Reporter—He was and he says he's just begun to fight for it, but he wanted more price control so he killed what there was. He blames Senator Taft for the trouble.

Farmer—How's that? I thought Taft was against price control.

Reporter—No, he says now he's for price control.

Farmer—I've missed a lot during the harvest. What ever happened to that fellow Bowles?

Reporter—He quit.

Farmer—But I thought you said the Administration was just beginning to fight for price control. Isn't Bowles for price control?

Reporter—Sure, but he recommended that the President veto the price control bill and then he quit.

Farmer—Don't those people down in Washington agree on anything?

Reporter—They agree on one thing: that everybody should use self-restraint.

Farmer—Who said that?

Reporter—The President, Paul Porter, Carroll Reece, the National Association of Manufacturers, the United States Chamber of Commerce, Senator Taft and the CIO.

Farmer—They did? But judging from what you say that's just what they all lacked.

Federation Council to Meet

SAN FRANCISCO (CFLN)—The first official meeting of the new California State Federation of Labor Executive Council elected by the 44th annual convention will meet at the Hotel Whitcomb, San Francisco, July 27-28. All resolutions referred to the executive council by the convention will be acted upon by the council, as well as the position taken on the various constitutional amendments which will appear on the ballot in November. Numerous other important points on the agenda, which has been mailed out to the members of the council, will be given consideration. The regular *Quarterly Bulletin* will be mailed to the affiliated organizations as quickly as it is prepared, upon the conclusion of the meeting.

Warning!

Once again the *Labor Clarion* is forced to publicize a misunderstanding or a misrepresentation in the advertising field. It has come to our attention during the past two weeks that an advertising solicitor is seeking advertising copy from business firms and unions, using the *Labor Clarion* as the medium of appeal.

The *Labor Clarion* has only ONE advertising man on its staff. Mr. Rowland Woodfin has been with the paper for ten years. He has a wide range of friends, both in unions and business concerns in San Francisco. No telephone solicitations are used; no unions are requested to use the advertising columns of the paper. Of course, we welcome union advertising, but we do not "pressure" them or others to do so.

We adhere to a hard and fast rule that nothing is undertaken that will reflect detrimentally to the good name of the San Francisco Labor Council in particular and the Labor Movement in general.

New Community Service For Clarion Readers

The *Labor Clarion* this week is inaugurating a special question and answer service on health, recreation and welfare facilities in San Francisco by Frank Fitzgerald, AFL representative on the Community Chest staff.

Because the *Labor Clarion* feels this information is of interest and importance to AFL members, it is offering this new weekly feature for the first time through the courtesy of the Community Chest Information Service, 45 Second street, which, as a community activity, gives such information and help.

In his column, Mr. Fitzgerald will answer questions on subjects as varied as foster homes for children, care in day nurseries, clinic and hospital services in the tv. assistance for the aged, services to unmarried mothers, nursing care in the home, and activities of neighborhood centers.

Herewith, Mr. Fitzgerald presents the first problem of the new series. The problem was posed by a woman who phoned for assistance to the Chest Information Service.

Q.—I am living in a housing project in San Francisco. Recently, another family moved in with my husband and me—a man, his wife, and two small children. All of us were happy about the arrangement until several days ago when the wife ran away from her family. Now the father has to stay home from work to take care of his children. If he stays away from work much longer, he will lose his job. Both my husband and I work and so are of little help under the circumstances. What can the man do?

A.—The Community Chest of San Francisco has several agencies which help in providing temporary care for children during a home emergency period. One of these is the Family and Children's Agency, 1010 Gough street, with whom you may discuss this problem freely. A Chest agency, the Family and Children's Agency may possibly decide to place the children temporarily in a foster home, enabling the father to return to work until a long range plan for the family may be worked out.

AFL members are invited to send inquiries regarding their health and welfare problems to the Community Chest Information Service, 45 Second street, San Francisco 5. All inquiries should be addressed to the attention of Mr. Frank Fitzgerald.

Canadian Labor Leader, Tom Moore, Dies at 67

OTTAWA, Ont. (AFLN)—Tom Moore, 67, veteran Labor leader who retired four years ago after 25 years' service as president of the Canadian Trades and Labor Congress, died here as the result of a stroke suffered in 1942.

Mr. Moore was a native of Leeds, England, settled in Niagara Falls in 1909. He joined the United Brotherhood of Carpenters there and served in many capacities until coming to Ottawa in 1919. He represented Canadian Labor at conferences at London, Geneva, Washington, Amsterdam and Kyoto, Japan, and for several years served on the governing body of the International Labor Organization.

Well Known Union Official Dies

INDIANAPOLIS (AFLN)—Michael W. Mitchell, former international president of the Journeymen Stonecutters' Association of North America, died at his home in this city. Mr. Mitchell was 72 years old. He retired in 1939, after serving as president of his organization for over 25 years, and was well known in Labor circles throughout this country and Canada.

Regrettable

In last week's *Labor Clarion*, we reported the death of the beloved mother of Joseph Lynch. In the story we referred to "his legend of friends," which, naturally should have read "his legion of friends." The *Labor Clarion* sincerely regrets such an error.—C. F. C.

ILA Leader Dead

NEW YORK (AFLN)—George William Millner, 68, of Norfolk, Va., the first Negro to be named a vice-president for life of the Atlantic Coast district, International Longshoremen's Association (AFL), died in New York Hospital of a heart ailment.

State Labor Federation Pledges Support to SUP

SAN FRANCISCO (CFLN)—The action of Harry Lundeborg, SUP leader, in calling off picketing CIO-NMU ships on the East Coast brought forth the full might and resources of the AFL unions in California had previously been pledged by California State Federation of Labor, Secretary Haggerty in support of Lundeborg's fight against the CIO invasion of his collective bargaining rights.

A meeting of the Joint Council of Teamsters of the San Francisco Bay Area likewise pledged unlimited support to the Sailors' Union of the Pacific against the latest raiding threat of the dual union. Never before in the history of the California AFL has such determination and teamwork been manifested and organized to resist the CIO's latest rash of jurisdictional raiding. With such support there is no question as to what the outcome of this struggle will be.

Secretary Haggerty has been in constant close contact with the whole waterfront situation and is keeping the federation alert to all new developments.

Another Transit Strike Settled

PEORIA, ILL. (ILNS)—A new contract providing for 12 cents an hour raise was won after a week-long strike of 350 bus and street car operators against the Illinois Power Co.

Transportation in this highly industrialized community of 105,000 was resumed July 5. The striking employees, members of the AFL Amalgamated Association of Street, Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employees, had sought a raise of 20 cents an hour over their former rate of 93½ cents.



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The service button is similar to the insignia of lodges or fraternal orders and is worn in the same manner. The service button gives assurance that the services are performed or rendered by members of trade unions.

The Union Label Trades Department is the official clearing house for advertising and publicizing the 70 union labels, shop cards, and service buttons, and for the promotion and sale of goods and the use of services of every employer who has a Union Label agreement with one of the 52 national and international AFL unions which are affiliated with this department.

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Rochester Unions Flay City's 'Double-Cross'

ROCHESTER, N. Y. (ILNS)—Plans to fight the city council's repeal of a 1937 provision of the municipal code which recognized unions were made at a meeting of more than 30 unions of the Central Trades and Labor Council.

Anthony J. Capone, president of the council, and Julius Loss, secretary, charged that the city government, in refusing to meet with union representatives during the recent city labor dispute which ended in a general tie-up for a day, had "acted illegally and contrary to the municipal code."

"The Republican Administration is waging an open fight against labor unions and we are not going to take it lying down," they said.

The AFL-CIO strategy committee, set up May 15, will assist the Labor Council.

Meanwhile, Adrian L. Mitten, international organizer of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, declared that the repeal was "an absolute double-cross" in the face of his union's efforts to build up good-will between the city and its workers.

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Pacific Press Safety Hazards Under Fire

LOS ANGELES—W. J. Bassett, secretary of the Los Angeles Central Labor Council, wired Governor Earl A. Warren early last week asking that "the State Department of Industrial Relations be directed to investigate shocking conditions at the plant of Pacific Press, Inc. . . . to determine probable violations of industrial safety and welfare laws."

Bassett's wire advised the Governor that Pacific Press, which has already been found by the Office of State Labor Commissioner John F. Dalton to have recruited strikebreakers illegally in contravention of Labor Code Section 973, is employing unskilled boys on high-speed presses "with complete disregard of danger to human life and limb." Serious injury has already resulted to at least one minor, Anthony Nunes, necessitating partial amputation of his arm up above the elbow. Nunes was rushed to the Methodist Hospital here following the accident, and an iron curtain of secrecy concerning the facts of his injury was immediately imposed.

Among the other instances of gross neglect warranting the immediate investigation by public officials mentioned in the wire was the case of a woman driver, accompanied by a small girl, who crossed the AFL picket lines in a ramshackle passenger car converted for use as a truck. Hundreds of pounds of printed matter in the form of copies of the *Downtown Shopping News* were piled on the roof of the rickety auto, endangering the safety of the woman and child, but Assistant Production Manager Cronin of the struck plant stood by and laughed at protests against such ruthless strikebreaking methods.

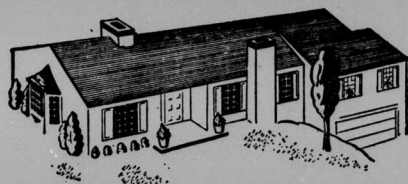
While the attorneys for the State Labor Commissioner are completing their study of possible criminal action against Pacific Press for illegally recruiting strikebreakers, a new proceeding was begun this week against the employment agency of Dunne & Dunne on similar charges in connection with supplying "scabs" to Pacific Press. The hearing will be held on Monday, July 15, at 3:30 p. m., in the State Building and could result in suspension of the employment agency's license.

Walter Turner, strike committee chairman, indicated that renewed efforts were being made to force the CIO Amalgamated Lithographers of America to abandon their position as supplier of strikebreakers for the Pacific Press. "It is inconceivable that any bona fide Labor organization would align with the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association against AFL working men and women, no matter what jurisdictional differences might exist. Rank and file members of the CIO Lithographers are directly serving the interests of the M. & M., *Time* and *Life* and the downtown merchants in their bitter drive to perpetuate the open shop in Los Angeles, unless they force their short-sighted leaders to quit playing into the hands of Paul Shoup and his playmates," Turner said.

S. F. Firemen Wage Vote

Voting 822 to 31 in favor of submitting a charter amendment to the people of San Francisco in the November election, San Francisco firemen will seek to have their wages increased by 15 per cent and have a cut in their working hours. Robert F. Callahan stated that the proposed amendment will be submitted to the Board of Supervisors, who will make the decision whether it will be placed on the ballot. City policemen will also seek like adjustments in hours and wages.

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Labor Clarion

Hey, Mr. Ripley! Lookat What Curran Done Done

NEW YORK (AFLN)—This is one for Ripley! Believe it or not, Joe Curran says he's having trouble with the Communists.

Yes, sir, we're talking about Joseph Curran, who has been the constant stooge of the Stalinite Commissars in the National Maritime Union as long as he's been president of the CIO union.

But, apparently, even a worm can turn, although there is some evidence that perhaps the Communists turned against Curran first.

For in a torrid blast in the *Pilot*, the union's publication, Curran accused the Communists of "falsely" circulating rumors that he had "sold out" the membership in the recent maritime wage negotiations.

That was only one count in his indictment. He also accused the Communists of using NMU organizing funds for political purposes. With the union payroll up to \$1,600,000 a year, the organization had a \$12,000 deficit in March and went "in a hole more" in April, Curran reported.

"I see people on the payroll," the union's president somewhat naively added, "but I have yet to find out what they are doing."

He went on to allege that Communist leaders in the union are breaking their backs to see that no one holds office except those that they put their blessings on, and they are attempting to discredit anyone who stands in their way, including the president of the union.

Observers were somewhat doubtful of the true significance of the Curran "revolt" from the party line. Some even went so far as to interpret it as a bid for the independent votes of union members, so as to forestall any other candidate with anti-Communist policies from making a fight to supplant Curran.

However, coming on top of Morris Muster's resignation from the CIO Furniture Workers' Union on the ground that Communists had captured control of the organization, Curran's blast serves as that much additional confirmation of widely-held belief that many CIO unions are dominated or controlled by Communists or are just plain lousy with them.

Blue Cross Enrollments

LOS ANGELES—With a total of 18,268 enrollments during June, the non-profit health plan of the Los Angeles Blue Cross—California Physicians' Service broke all previous monthly membership records during its eight years of existence, Ralph Walker and John McMahon, executive directors, announced. Organized in 1938 under special legislative statutes to afford employed groups a medium through which they could pre-pay the cost of hospital, surgical and medical care for themselves and their families, the doctor-hospital sponsored plan has been growing steadily. Southern California membership is now over 200,000.

Civil Service Exams

Examinations for the following positions will be held by the State Personnel Board on dates given:

August 15—Industrial welfare agent, \$250 per month; claim auditor, \$220 monthly.

August 17—Assistant sanitary engineer, residence waived, \$365 per month; fish hatchery assistant, \$180.

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Purchasing Facts

PORTABLE AND PERSONAL RADIOS

Portable radios are designed primarily to run on battery current, and because of their special design, you can't expect as good performance from them as you would get from table models. Consumers Union says. Battery costs tend to run high; for 100 hours of playing time, a table model radio will cost about 20c, while a portable will cost something like \$3.50 and a personal about \$12.

The term "portable" is quite relative. The four models tested so far each weighed about 15 pounds—quite a lot if you have to carry one very far. "Personals" are much more easily carried, but their performance is even less adequate than that of a larger portable.

The best of the portables tested so far was the Philco 46-350, followed next by the Sentinel 285-P. The Motorola 5A-1 personal was judged superior to the Emerson 508, the only other personal radio tested so far.

PRESSURE COOKERS

Only one new feature of any significance has appeared in the post-war pressure cookers, Consumers Union found after testing ten new brands. This is a variable pressure gauge, which permits adjustment of the cooking pressure to values below the standard of 15 lb. generally found on older models and still used on some of the newer ones.

The most convenient closure was judged to be the slip-clamp type, where the lid is placed on the pot, then slipped around to closing position.

Four of the ten brands were rated "Not Acceptable," all of these involved a burn hazard.

The best of the cookers tested in the opinion of CU technicians was the *Mirro-Matic*, which was convenient to use and had a simple and easily-regulated gauge. Other recommended pressure cookers included the *Maid of Honor* (Sears-Roebuck), the *Presto* and the *Magic Seal* (Montgomery Ward.)

Minnesota Labor to Repel CIO Raiding

DULUTH (ILNS)—Efforts are expected at the next Minnesota Federation of Labor convention at Mankato beginning September 17, to raise funds to carry on a campaign against raiding tactics of the CIO, and to carry on an effective campaign to organize the unorganized workers in the rural areas of the State," says the *Labor World* of this city. It adds:

"The action was taken at the last MFL executive council meeting when it was declared that the CIO has abandoned its avowed purpose of organizing the unorganized and is, in fact, devoting its entire effort in the State of Minnesota to attempt to raid long-established AFL unions.

"The resolution declared that the CIO tactics are disruptionist in nature aimed at capturing Labor organizations for political purposes only."

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Better Days Seen in South Through Unions

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (ILNS)—"An organized South is a prosperous South," declares the *Southern Patriot*, monthly publication of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, in a special issue discussing the South's stake in the current organizing drives of the American Federation of Labor and CIO.

Strong union organization in the South will mean a better day for all the people of the South, says the *Patriot*. It will—

Raise living, health and education standards more nearly in line with the Nation.

Keep money in the South, which is now drained off in profits to absentee owners;

Make better and more active citizens of millions, ending the careers of many Southern misrepresentatives who are holding back the Nation's progress;

Help to realize real democracy for our Negro citizens, helping to remove the barriers that keep the races in the South from working together for their common good.

These predictions are backed up with facts on the achievements of the now relatively weak union movement in the South. The *Patriot* points out, for example, that over the past five years southern textile wages in organized plants have risen from \$13 to \$26 a week.

In one section, "What Every Southerner Should Know About Unions," the *Patriot* answers "No!" in detail to some of the questions often asked about Labor, such as:

Will the organizing drives mean strikes all over the South? Aren't union officials racketeers? Don't union officials dictate to their members? Don't unions charge excessive dues?

More Pay for Upholsterers

MINNEAPOLIS (ILNS)—Increased wages and improved working conditions were obtained for members of Furniture Workers' Local 1859, Upholsterers' International Union (AFL), in negotiations for new contracts with four employers here.

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Baseball Fields

In a recent issue of the *Call-Bulletin's* sport section, an interesting item was printed relative to sufficient baseball diamonds for young sprouts to master the mechanics of the great American game of baseball. The writer of the letter to the *C-B* complained that in his district (Excelsior and Crocker-Amazon) there were two fine diamonds on which the Navy had built a receiving hospital, but were giving it up and that a housing project was in the making on those baseball diamonds. Naturally, young baseball "fellers" are without a place to play. San Francisco is a fine city, but in some things we are away behind the times, which cannot be laid to the door of shortages. Proper places for young boys and girls to enjoy sports such as baseball, tennis, football, swimming, etc., etc., are woefully lacking, especially in the crowded so-called workingmen's districts. The Park Commissioners and the City Planning Commission should consider the dividends of the future by providing adequate places for the youngsters of today to enjoy the heritage of childhood. The housing shortage is critical at present, but that will be overcome; juvenile delinquency in a city cannot be overcome if allowed to grow through the lack of recreational facilities. Give the kids in the Outer Mission their playground back and see that other districts of the city have sufficient playgrounds. The cost may be considered large, but consider the cost of crime prevention.

"A Rose by Any Other Name," Etc.

Whether it is just the heat, the over-publicized atom bomb experiment at Kikini or the cockeyed events in the National capital, we confess we are unable to figure out the OPA puzzle. Nor do we know what is going to happen.

This being the case, the remark of a New York grocery clerk to an irate customer seems to hit the nail on the head. Said the store hero, who for all times must remain nameless: "You've been paying \$1 a pound for meat. You call that the black market. Now you'll pay \$1 a pound and you'll call it inflation."

Sidney Hillman

Stripping aside all controversial issues and quarrels over political philosophies held by the late Sidney Hillman, Labor in this country lost a great man. Mr. Hillman embodied the greatness of our Nation by rising from immigrant in a strange land to become a powerful force in that strange land. His philosophies on matter of politics were at wide divergence with the accepted thoughts of AFL Labor and his withdrawing revolt against the United Garment Workers was a regrettable incident on the Labor scene. Yet, his opposition recognized his ability and were shocked at his sudden death.

Unemployment Typotrait

Most jobs in private business and industry are covered by the State unemployment insurance law. If you were working on a covered job, you may be entitled to unemployment benefits during a lay-off period. These benefits come to you as a matter of right, for you earned credits toward them. To be eligible, you must be able and willing to work, and available for work if a suitable job is offered you. So be sure to find out if you come under the State law. For full details, see the unemployment compensation claims clerk in the government employment service office nearest your home.

Wisdom

The time is past in the history of the world when any living man or body of men can be set on a pedestal and decorated with a halo.—David J. Brewer, *Supreme Court Justice*, 1898.

Intolerable Wrong Behind Strikes

By WILLIAM GREEN

Strikes are not the result of sudden action and thoughtless action on the part of the workers concerned. To be sure, there may occasionally be spontaneous or so-called "wildcat" strikes, which occur when human emotions get out of hand, as when a shop steward loses his temper over what he feels is an unjust treatment of a grievance. But usually this type of stoppage is very short and the workers involved are back at work the next morning.

Most strikes come only after prolonged negotiations with management after countless hours of discussion at union meetings, and after a democratic vote of all union members. *The strike is an economic weapon of last resort, utilized only when all other methods fail.* When all other methods to reach a reasonable fair settlement do fail, the strike is the only means available to workers by which they can protest against what they consider unfair or unjust treatment at the hands of management.

To the workers involved a strike is a trying and a terrible experience. It disrupts the worker's income and jeopardizes the security of his job. Workers don't go on strike lightly or without cause. They strike only when pressed into it by force of a real injustice which they can no longer tolerate.

Behind every strike there is a deep-seated grievance, behind every stoppage there is a wrong that calls for adjustment and correction. In most cases that grievance and that wrong go to the very roots of the economic well-being of the wage earner and his family.

Dane-Geld

By RUTH TAYLOR

Kipling once wrote a poem about the Danish pirates who, nearly a thousand years ago, preyed on the coast of England and collected Dane-geld to stay away; and he showed how fallacious was the idea that "paying Dane-geld ever got rid of the Dane."

The nations of the world learned again at Munich that "peace in our time" only meant that our time was measured.

What's the difference in dictators? Whether it be Mussolini strutting on his balcony, Hitler screaming in a rage—or Stalin making his puppets walk out whenever he can't have his own way—or other lesser dictators, ready to do exactly the same things whenever the chips are not all on their side of the table?

A dictator is a dictator and it never pays to appease him. But the one thing we always can do is—not to do business with him. It doesn't make any difference whether for the moment he is on our side of the fence or the other. His methods are wrong. And we certainly learned as children that the only way to make a bully change his tune is not to play with him.

Brutal talk? Yes, but these be brutal times. The peace we hoped for after the war is not here. The peace we wanted we are not achieving. Our time seems again to be but seconds. Why? Because we have appeased. We went about what we thought was our business instead of taking care of the most important business of all. We agreed, compromised and acquiesced in order to concentrate on our own affairs and forgot that in order to have the road smooth the line must be true. We said Dane-geld—and not only overseas.

Can we still correct our errors? We can—but only if as individuals we turn back to the straight line—and we must not do it at the expense of any one, of any group, of any nation. We must make up our mind what we want—and make every one know that we do know what we want.

This is as true today as it was in the days of which Kipling wrote. We must do as he advised, and stand firm, armed and ready, that we may be able to say:

*For the end of that game is oppression and shame,
No matter how trifling the cost,
"We never pay any one Dane-geld
And the Nation that plays it is lost!"*

Your Stake in World Affairs

QUES.—Does the Atomic Energy Commission vote in the same way as the Security Council, with a veto?

ANS.—No, the Atomic Energy Commission will take its decisions by a simple majority vote.

QUES.—Will all the United Nations attend the European peace conference?

ANS.—Only the twenty-one Allied nations which actively waged war against the European enemy states will attend. Peace treaties for Italy, Rumania, Hungary, Bulgaria and Finland will be considered at this conference to meet July 29 in Paris.

Pictureless Cartoon

A farmer was explaining to a city woman what a menace insects are to farm products—how potato bugs ruin potato crops and corn borers destroy corn.

The woman listened attentively, then exclaimed: "And the poor dairy people. How the butterflies must bother them."

Do's and Don'ts for European Food Mailing

Do's and don'ts for those who desire to mail food parcels to European countries were listed by the San Francisco Better Business Bureau, following receipt of numerous inquiries concerning companies offering to ship food packages to foreign countries. According to Muriel Tsvetkoof, manager of the local bureau, more than 125 such concerns are operating in New York City alone, and many more are scattered throughout the country. While many of them are reputable, she said, others have caused complaints.

Some appeal for business on the strength of a national name such as French — Company, British — Company, Italian — Company, etc. To the uninformed the use of such nationalistic names signifies official approval by the government of the country whose name is used, whereas the name may mean nothing more than a style of doing business. The following do's and don'ts were listed:

- 1—Obtain a receipt for each package.
- 2—Insist on the original receipt, or a duplicate, or a photostatic copy, signed by the consignee on delivery of the package.
- 3—Insist upon having all statements in writing. If consignee-doorstep delivery is promised, make certain the receipt, contract or agreement specifies such delivery, as some companies ship only to warehouses.
- 4—Demand a receipt in full for all charges, including charges for doorstep delivery. Some companies have agents abroad who exact from the consignee additional charges for final delivery.
- 5—Make certain the receipt states the time which the package will be delivered. Have the time stated in months. Such words as "reasonable time," etc., are ambiguous.
- 6—Check insurance coverage and the locations covered, getting the coverage in writing and make certain who is insured. For instance, if the insurance covers the company and the company goes out of business, there is little protection for the sender.
- 7—Don't permit substitution.
- 8—Consult your postoffice about weight allowances and custom duties to various countries.
- 9—Write your relatives or friends and tell them you are sending packages, enumerating the contents carefully and asking them to notify you promptly when the package has arrived and to check off the contents against the list you sent them.

Casualties of Peace

(From New York Times)

Two years ago this morning American troops were making the great amphibious assault on Saipan, the island which was to become the miraculous base of those B-29 bombings of Japan that broke the back of enemy resistance even before the coup de grace of the atomic bomb. Twenty-seven bloody days were required before the island was declared secure. They cost us 3,426 men killed and 13,099 wounded, or total casualties of 16,525.

The daring and sacrifice of these patriotic Americans will always be remembered by their countrymen. However, with that strange indifference which blinds us to the wholly unnecessary sacrifices of peace, we forget the lay-by-day casualties resulting from accidents. No churning wake of landing craft, no spat of sniper's bullet, no roar of dive bomber as it hurtles down dramatizes the death of the men, women and children who are killed needlessly each day. In the same period necessary to secure Saipan, accidents, at the present rate, cost 7020 deaths, or more than twice those killed in the battle, and 736,020 total casualties, or more than 44 times the total Saipan casualty list.

Let us ponder these figures and take action so that this shocking record of carelessness and waste may not continue.

Things to Think About

"In dealing with the problems of peace I can never get out of my head that there is something much more important than statesmen, who after all, hold office only for what is a moment of time in the ages of history; and that it is the masses of the people who may be either at peace or at war in the future as the result of the action of statesmen at a given moment."—Ernest Bevin, *British Foreign Minister*.

"We do not want a nationalistic Germany, but one that can be a full partner in a united Europe. America has become a European power and Britain a continental power. The great force that is international socialism must have a voice in the shaping of European events that will be decisive for the future not only of Europe but also for the world."—Kurt Schumacher, *German Social-Democrat Leader*.

The eight-hour work day was first made mandatory on contracts for government work by an Act of Congress—the 62nd Congress—in 1912. This and other protection for workers on government is now provided by the Walsh-Healey Act.

Phenomenal Rise in Basic Commodity Index Noted

SAN FRANCISCO (CFLN)—The disastrous consequences of the elimination of OPA price controls have become apparent to the American wage earner from the increase in prices since July 1, 1946. Confirmation of the experiences of the working people of this country is found in the basic commodity index of the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The latest figures of the bureau reports that between June 29, 1946, and July 12, 1946, the price of the 28 basic commodities included in its index rose by 23 per cent. Its index of the prices of the 28 commodities was 199.4 on June 28, while on July 12 it was 244.6. On foodstuffs alone, the index rose from 229.6 on June 28 to 297.7 on July 12, an increase of 29.7 per cent.

The impact of this increase upon the American worker can be seen from some of the price changes for individual commodities. Thus, wheat in Minneapolis rose from \$1.885 on June 28 to \$2.245 on July 12, an increase of 19.1 per cent. Butter rose from \$.56 on June 28 to \$.735 on July 12, an increase of 31.25 per cent. The wholesale price of coffee rose in this same period from \$.158 per pound to \$.22 per pound, an increase of 39.2 per cent.

Similar increases are found in the remainder of the list of 28 commodities. One does not have to be an astute observer nor possessed of clairvoyant powers to foresee the effect on the American worker. There can be only one consequence of this inflationary trend and that is to make the pay envelope of the American worker insufficient for the purchase of the necessities of life.

Governmental economists and Washington observers are much concerned with this matter. By the time fall is reached, the full impact of these raises in wholesale prices will be felt in the rise of the cost of living. Consequently, the government economists feel that there is a danger of a renewal of industrial disputes as Labor finds present wages inadequate.

There can be no doubt that the American worker who has had great difficulty in keeping up with the increased cost of living during the war period will be forced to seek a continued higher adjustment of wages as the cost of living continues to spiral upwards as a result of the elimination of OPA controls.

Foremen Under Wage-Hour Act

SAN FRANCISCO (CFLN)—Don't take it for granted that because an employee is given a title, such as foreman, and is rated as supervisory, that he is exempt from the provisions of the Wage and Hour Act. This, in effect, was a recent decision of Federal Judge Ben Harrison, when he upheld the contentions of Attorney David Sokol that certain foremen, subforemen and assistant foremen of the Los Angeles Shipbuilding Corporation-Todd Yard at San Pedro had been given "fancy" titles, but actually worked at the trade and therefore came under the act.

The evidence submitted by the plaintiffs—fourteen former employees—and their witnesses, showed that for part of each day, the alleged supervisory employees were required to use the tools of the trade. Attorney Sokol has been informed that the shipbuilding company does not intend to appeal from the decision.

Union Job Bias Scored

WASHINGTON (ILNS)—Discrimination by unions against Negroes was condemned as a cause of economic injustice by 50 leaders in racial work attending a seminar on Negro problems sponsored by the Social Action Department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference. They agreed that the Negro's economic problems will not be solved unless he is integrated into the life of the community.

To Head S. F. Bay Area Council

Appointment of Frank E. Marsh as executive vice-president and general manager of the San Francisco Bay Area Council was announced on July 15. Mr. Marsh has been Washington office manager for the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce.

Deaths in Labor's Ranks

IN SAN FRANCISCO

Kennel, Joseph—July 9; Milk Wagon Drivers' 226.
Kenny, John R.—July 9; David Scannell Club.
McGrail, Frank J.—July 9; Steamfitters' 590.
Wucherer, Harold Paul—July 10; Machinists' 68.
Mayo, Harry L.—July 12; Bricklayers' 7.
Parks, Earle A.—July 12; Typographical 21.
Rhyne, Julia Katherine—July 13; Waitresses' 48.
Bierman, Charles W.—July 14; Shipwrights' 1149.
Hebner, Joseph—July 15; Carpenters' 22.
Mohr, Louis B.—July 16; David Scannell Club.
Winters, H. T.—July 17; Typographical 21.

OUTSIDE SAN FRANCISCO

Bernal, Joe M.—In Salt Lake City, Utah, July 7; Bakers' 24.
Schneider, Conrad—In Corte Madera, Calif., July 11; retired member of Butchers' 115.
Bartholomew, William—In Oakland, Calif., July 15; Elevators' Constructors' 8.
Granahan, John A.—In Oakland, Calif., July 15; Machinists' 68.

Use Caution Signing for Out-of-State Insurance

A flood of literature is being sent to San Franciscans by out-of-State mail-order insurance companies who cannot or will not comply with California's insurance laws, the Better Business Bureau has revealed.

"Many persons here are paying premiums to some of these concerns, unaware that the benefits to which they are entitled are exceedingly limited," Muriel Tsvetkoff, manager of the bureau, warned. She urged policyholders to get out their policies and study them carefully, now, instead of waiting until an emergency arises.

Typical of the complaints registered with the Better Business Bureau is that of a man who filed a claim for \$2500 when his brother was accidentally killed here recently. Instead of \$2500, he received \$50 as a payment in full. Careful reading of the policy indicated that the \$2500 sum, prominently featured in the concern's literature, was payable only if death occurred while the insured was riding as a fare-paying passenger on a railroad, street car or steamship. More common accidental deaths fell within the \$50 category. This insured had paid premiums on the policy for a number of years in the belief that his beneficiary would receive \$2500, regardless of the cause of death.

The bureau advised prospective policyholders to:

- 1—Ascertain whether or not the company is licensed in California.
- 2—Read a sample policy before paying a premium. If it is not understood, consult a reputable insurance broker or the Better Business Bureau.
- 3—Request a free copy of the bureau's booklet, "Facts You Should Know About Insurance."

American Vets' Committee Meet

Sydney Rogers, noted news analyst and commentator on world affairs, will speak at the next meeting of the Mission Chapter, American Veterans' Committee, Tuesday, July 23, 8 p. m., at Genova Hall, Valencia near Twenty-second streets. Everyone is welcome. American Veterans' Committee has recently won considerable attention with its proposal for a co-operative veterans' housing project, by its fight to revive OPA, and by its campaign to drive the Ku Klux Klan from California.

Raise for K. C. Bakery Drivers

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AFLN)—In a new contract bakery owners and drivers of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters (AFL) have agreed on weekly increases of \$.65 for wholesale route drivers and \$.75 for retail drivers. They also will receive increases in commissions, while the minimum weekly scale is hiked to \$44.

\$3,350,000 Set as 1947

Community Chest Goal

A campaign goal of \$3,350,000 for Community Chest services to San Francisco in 1947 has been approved by the Chest Board of Directors, Mrs. Henry P. Russell, president, announced.

As campaign chairman, Adrien J. Falk, accepting the 1947 goal, declared that it would cover costs of operating some 70 Community Chest agencies and, in addition, San Francisco's quota of the national USO drive.

"The USO has been included in the Chest campaign goal," Mr. Falk said, adding: "this will ensure services to veterans and members of the armed forces, who have not yet been returned to civilian life, as well as to family and child welfare agencies, health and recreation organizations in San Francisco."

In apportioning funds for the coming year, Mr. Falk indicated that the largest amounts needed were for foster home care of children, clinic and hospital services, services to people in trouble, work of youth-serving organizations, and for neighborhood and community centers.

Other appropriations will be for children's institutions, day nurseries, temporary care of infants, care of unmarried mothers, help to aged and handicapped, emergency services to newcomers, nursing care in the home, health education, and local service to veterans.

California Labor School

One tested way for trade unions to successfully meet the mounting tasks facing Organized Labor was proposed by Irwin Elber, trade union director of the California Labor School at San Francisco. A major union need of the day is trained and competent secondary leadership-rank and filers with the mark of leadership developed by information and experience for efficient stewardship and committee duties. "One existing and proved method of such development is through the training in Labor organization, social sciences and public relations offered by the California Labor School," Mr. Elber said.

Registration opens August 5 for the fall term starting September 3 at the California Labor School, 216 Market street, San Francisco 11, California. Registration is open every five weeks for both part- and full-time students. There are no entrance requirements.

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Run o' the Hook

By C. M. BAKER,
President of Typographical Union No. 21

Earle A. Parks, member of No. 21 for a quarter century, passed away following a stroke on last Friday, July 12. Death occurred when Earle was alone in his hotel room and it was not until Monday that his brother, Floyd Parks, who lives in Burlingame, was notified. Floyd Parks has also been a member of No. 21 since coming from Denver many years ago. Of recent months Earle had not been working a great deal at the trade, but he had just completed a "stretch" at Bosqui's relieving another member who was ill. Besides his brother Floyd, Earle is survived by a son, Norman (Army Air Corps), a daughter, Mrs. Bettie E. Elinoff, a sister, Mrs. Mona Coover and his two other brothers, Harry and Hubert. The deceased member, a native of Indiana, was about 55 years of age. Funeral services were held on Tuesday under the auspices of the Union, with later inurnment at Cypress Lawn.

P. P. McCully, pensioner member, passed away at the Masonic Home on June 29. It was not, however, until July 12 that the Union was informed of the passing of Mr. McCully. The deceased member, 74 years of age, had been a member of the International Union, for more than 45 years. Mr. McCully first came to San Francisco in 1911 and after several times withdrawing and depositing a traveling card, in 1924 returned and made this city his home. He was a native of Pennsylvania and until his retirement worked in the *Examiner* Chapel.

The sympathy of the membership is extended to Tom Walker of the *People's World* Chapel in his bereavement following the death, July 9, of his mother, Mrs. Mary E. Walker, Mrs. Walker, aged 90, is also survived by another son and two daughters.

The portable typesetting machine knife grinder built and patented by the late Forrest L. Dutcher is now on display at the C. W. Marwedel Co. The machine is an ingenious device upon the developing of which Mr. Dutcher had spent a number of years and considerable money. It was his intention, following retirement, to tour the country using the machine to service plants in the smaller cities. Mrs. Dutcher is desirous of selling the machine and our members, particularly the machinists, are invited to inspect the grinder, which is surprisingly small and compact.

Columbia (Washington) Typographical Union has initiated negotiations for a new newspaper contract. That union proposes a 75 per cent increase in wages; a checkoff by the publishers to pay the pension and mortality assessments heretofore paid by the individual member; a 6½-hour day; 6-hour night and 5½-hour third shift; three weeks vacation and double time for all overtime. The present contract, providing for a \$64 weekly wage, expires November 11, 1946.

Union meets Sunday, July 21, at 1 o'clock in the Labor Temple. Report will be made upon the efforts to induce the Employing Printers' Association and the Newspaper Publishers' Association to open up the wage sections of the two agreements and to consider increases to meet the abnormal economic conditions which have developed in recent months. Both our contracts are definite one-year agreements and it requires mutual consent to amend any of their provisions. It was expected, that as good business men, the employers would recognize the advisability of adjusting contracts, which while mutually satisfactory when made, had, because of the tremendous economic changes which had occurred since they were made, become inequitable. Today we are "hell bent" for inflation and the union recalls that some years ago when the country was in the depths of a depression, the employers asked for "relief" under a five-year contract. The union recognized the changed conditions which had arisen and granted the employers a decrease. Now when a completely reversed condition prevails, the commercial employers seem lacking in any sense of reciprocity or understanding of the value of employee morale.

Following the June meeting, the association was asked to meet with representatives of the union. On June 24 representatives of the union met a committee representing the employers' association on June 24. The association's committee: Messrs. Hansen (*Recorder*), Griffin (*Griffin Brothers*), Barry (*James H. Barry Co.*) Sager (*Van Cott*) and Ireland, association secretary. At that meeting those representing the association stated that the union's request that the wage sections be "opened" would be taken up by the Employing Printers' Association. After patiently waiting for the association's reply, telephonic inquiry was made, but it was not until July 9 that any reply was received. The reply was in the form of a letter which was marvelously periphrastic. The association's fatuous answer to the union's request will be read at Sunday's meeting and an unusually large number of job men are expected to be in attendance.

The original "Eight-Hour Law" was adopted by the United States Congress in 1868, long before the eight-hour day permeated private industry. The law provided that, in all federal government, "eight hours shall constitute a day's work."

Woman's Auxiliary No. 21 to S. F. Typographical Union No. 21

By J. ANN MCLEOD

The regular meeting of W.A. 21 to S.F.T.U. No. 21 was held last Tuesday evening in the Red Men's building. Owing to so many members being on vacation, the attendance was small.

President Loraine Kriese appointed the following standing committees:

Laws—Chairman, Louise Abbott; Mabel Porter, Grace Young and Roby Wilchman; **Rallying**—Chairman, Eula Edwards; Julia Donelin, Hazel Viele, Sadie Falconer and Clarice Blackford; **Label**—Chairman; Grace Young; Nora Swensen, Bijou Blade, Bertha Bailey and J. Ann McLeod; **Membership**—Chairman, Loraine Kriese, all members assisting; **Ways and Means**—Chairman, J. Ann McLeod; Bijou Blade, Bertha Bailey, Florence Reynolds and Dorothea Heuring; **Sunshine**—Chairman, Nora Swensen; Laura D. Moore, Louise Abbott, Jane Helms and Laurel Howell; **Entertainment**—Chairman, Betsy Haines; Eula Edwards, Lorna Brill, Laura D. Moore and Lucille Stone; **History**—Chairman, Louise Abbott; Laura D. Moore and Sophie Rosenthal, and **Delegates to Label Section**—Grace Young and Loraine Kriese.

Bijou Blade was installed as treasurer and was awarded the treasurer's keys pin for her work last year.

Sincere apologies to Augusta Gooler and Jane Helms, thru error, their names were omitted from the list previously printed. Augusta Gooler received both the chaplain's cross and vice-president's torch. Jane Helms received the treasurer's keys.

Congratulations to Harry and Grace Young. Harry's son, Francis H. Young, became a proud father of a 8½-pound boy on July 14, making Harry a grandfather. The young man was named Dennis Owen Young.

Forty-one years is a terribly long time, but a marriage that has lasted for 41 years is a wonderful thing. Congratulations to Nora and Will Swensen, the eternal sweethearts, who celebrated their anniversary July 16. To help commemorate the occasion, they were happy to entertain Pvt. Charles Baker, a nephew. Pvt. Baker was transferred from Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, to Camp Stoneman, arriving in San Francisco on July 16.

We were happy to see Gertrude Wiles back from her trip to Alaska. She complained that she didn't get a "sourdough" for a souvenir, not even an Eskimo.

John Kriese, husband of President Loraine Kriese, is taking a week's vacation just to rest and perhaps do some fishing.

After eight months of waiting and searching, Frank and Mary Clair Parker have finally been successful in finding a cottage in Potrero Terrace, 27 Dakota street. We wish them and Baby Jill happiness in their new home.

Please send items of interest to J. Ann McLeod, 1743 Golden Gate avenue or call WALnut 3051 after 2 p. m.

Attempt Made to Reopen Mills

SAN FRANCISCO (CFLN)—With the exception of the Ukiah Pine Lumber Company, which has signed an agreement with the Lumber and Sawmill Workers' Union who have been on strike in the Redwood Lumber industry, all other Redwood lumber companies are attempting to reopen under strike conditions. The companies are soliciting employees from all parts of the State. The California State Federation of Labor wishes to advise all of its affiliates that strike conditions prevail in the Redwood lumber industry and not to accept employment as strike breakers.

Illinois Jobless Claims Rise

CHICAGO (AFLN)—State Labor Director Gordon announced that the number of persons receiving unemployment compensation in Illinois increased 10,770 to a total of 116,110 in May, and the amount paid in claims increased almost 33 per cent above April to a total of \$7,703,862. In Chicago 57,000 persons drew \$3,605,747 in jobless benefits in May, compared with 52,580 who received \$2,887,331 in April.

Jobless Paid \$53,982,201

DETROIT (AFLN)—During the first six months of 1946, unemployed industrial workers in Michigan were paid \$53,982,201, according to Eugene T. Dormer, executive director of the Michigan Unemployment Compensation Commission. Benefit payment funds available as of June 30 were \$217,117,625.

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Mailers' Notes

By LEROY SMITH

San Francisco-Oakland Mailers' Union No. 18 will meet at Labor Temple the coming Sunday.

J. E. (Jack) Cornelson, *Chronicle* Chapel, again enjoying normal health, returned to work last week.

William D. Williams, *Chronicle* Chapel, accompanied by his wife, left last week for a three weeks' auto tour in Oregon.

Alec Le Blanc, apprentice, *Chronicle* Chapel, now wears broad smiles, with a more elastic step, being the proud "daddy" of a new arrival in the Le Blanc household, an eight-pound son. Mother and child are reported as doing well. Congratulations.

Nicolans N. (Nick) Spang, *Chronicle* Chapel, has placed his auto in "cold storage" temporarily, to give it a "rest," Nick says, while Nick, along with George Berthold and C. Thomas, of the same chapel, buck the "stormy decks" (seat) of late model motorcycles to and from work.

LeRoy F. Bennetts, foreman *People's World*, has returned to work from his two weeks' annual vacation.

Homer (Cy) Hudelson, *Chronicle* Chapel, and son, Homer, Jr., has taken advantage of the salubrious climate in acquiring some healthy physical exercises in the vicinity of the Cliff House Beach.

Charley ("Tabey") Coltrain, after several years' stay in this city, is now "subbing" on the Los Angeles newspapers.

AVC Supports Housing Measure

WASHINGTON (ILNS)—Rep. Brent Spence, chairman of the House Banking and Currency Committee, was promised the full support of the American Veterans' Committee (AVC) in his efforts to bring the Wagner-Ellender-Taft housing bill to the floor. Attacking opponents of the bill as a "small but powerful group who are attempting to delay and defeat the measure by subterfuge," the AVC urged its immediate enactment as necessary to give this country "an integrated national housing policy and the practical steps for attaining this objective."

Railroad Wants Mediation

CHICAGO (ILNS)—The Illinois Central Railroad has asked that the National Mediation Board take jurisdiction in the dispute with the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen over which the union had scheduled a strike for July 21. Intervention by the board would delay the strike. W. M. Dolan, deputy president of the union, asserted that collective bargaining with the Illinois Central had broken down on the handling of more than 700 grievance cases extending back to 1937.

Local OPA Price Panels

Price panel meetings at all OPA District Price Control Boards are being held according to regular schedule, it was announced by Nye Wilson, District Price Board Executive. Persons who have received notice to attend a conference at their local board should keep the appointment, Wilson said. Section 1-B of the Price Control Act requires OPA to process all complaints coming to its attention prior to June 30.

WFTU News Item

MOSCOW, USSR (ILNS)—Any action that the United Nations sees fit to apply against fascist Spain will be supported by the World Federation of Trade Unions, it was announced by the WFTU executive committee, meeting in the Soviet capital. This is a reversal of the previous stand in which all Labor organizations affiliated with the federation had been asked to establish a transport boycott against Spain.

Canada Seizes Steel Plants

OTTAWA (ILNS)—Labor Minister Humphrey Mitchell announced here appointment of a controller to take charge of three basic steel plants in which strikes are threatened. The plants are Dominion Steel and Coal Corp., Sydney, N. S.; Steel Co. of Canada, Hamilton, and Algoma Steel Corp., Sault Ste. Marie.

Construction Machinery Prices

WASHINGTON—After four years of almost complete stability, prices of construction machinery are now showing a little change. A survey by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, covering the first quarter of this year, showed an average rise of 1.5 per cent. As of March, the index of average prices of construction machinery stood at 114.9 per cent of the August 1939 level—regarded as a good record.

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Synopsis of Meeting of the San Francisco Labor Council, Held Friday Evening, July 12, 1946.

Meeting called to order at 8:15 p. m. by Vice-President Rotell.

Roll Call of Officers—All present; Brother Armstrong acting as vice-president. (President Shelley on leave of absence.)

Approval of Minutes—Minutes of previous meeting approved as printed in the *Labor Clarion*.

Credentials—Referred to the Organizing Committee: Carpenters No. 483—Paul J. Clifford, Karl Stake; Dry Dock, Marine Waysmen No. 3116—Ray Probert, Don Copeland; Elevator Constructors No. 8—Robert Batiloro, Frank J. Murphy; Hotel Service Workers No. 283—John A. Quinn vice Jean Birt; Miscellaneous Employees No. 110—Iola Clark, James Dimakes, Dorothy King, Harry Lewis, Amos McDade, George Meel, Henry Paquet, Leon Podromou, John Vrkljan, Helen Wheeler; Musicians No. 6—Ed S. Moore vice Elmer M. Hubbard; Painters No. 19—William J. Carney, John Norton; Steamfitters No. 590—Gus Katsarsky, Charles Cox, Tim Reardon, Henry McGrath, Henry Figroid, Melville Lindsay, Ken Boyd, Tony Belaski, Charles Manning, Mike Katz, and Stereotypers and Electrotypers No. 29—Edward Martin.

Report of the Organizing Committee—(Meeting held Friday, July 12.) Meeting called to order at 7:30 p. m. Roll was called and absentees noted. The following were examined and having been found to possess the necessary qualifications, they were recommended by your committee to be seated as delegates to this Council: Cooks No. 44—Joe Hayes, Walter Hurd, Fred Heindl, C. T. McDonough, John A. St. Peter; Office Employees No. 3—Minnette Fitzgerald, George Menzel; Postal Clerks No. 2—Sam Landis, Sidney Staton, and Waiters No. 30—Sanford Williams. Meeting adjourned at 8 p. m. (Report of the committee was concurred in as a whole.)

Communications—Filed: From Furniture Workers' Union, No. 3141, thanking the Council for the assistance rendered in their recent negotiations which resulted in the consummation of a new agreement. From the Local Joint Executive Board of Culinary Workers, Bartenders and Hotel Service Workers, enclosing the minutes of the Committee Against Anti-Labor Legislation. From Charles J. Janigian, counsel of California State Federation of Labor, advising that he has requested the Sheriff's attorney to co-operate with him by furnishing a complete list of all of the employees involved in the court trial of May 6, 1946, who are entitled to the overtime due them during the fiscal year of 1945-46. From Brothers Symes and Cancilla, advising that they would submit their report of the California State Federation of Labor Convention to the *Labor Clarion* for publication. Telegrams from William Green, President, AFL, and C. J. Haggerty, Secretary, CSFL, urging the sending of telegrams to U. S. Senators demanding the enactment of price control legislation. From California State Federation of Labor, *Weekly News Letters*, dated July 3 and July 10.

Bills were read, approved by the trustees and ordered paid.

Donations—To the Emergency Food-Fund Collection: From Hospital and Institutional Workers No. 250—\$10; from Municipal Park Employees No. 311—\$5.00.

Referred to the Executive Committee—From the Local Joint Executive Board of Culinary Workers, Bartenders and Hotel Service Workers, requesting strike sanction against Geo's Bar, 132 Sixth street. From Operating Engineers No. 64, requesting strike sanction against Holy Cross Cemetery, the Bohemian Club and the Olympic Club.

Referred to the Labor Day Committee—From Operating Engineers No. 64, stating that it will be impossible for their organization to participate in the parade; from Upholsterers No. 28, notifying the Council that their organization has voted to participate in the parade.

Report of the Labor Day Parade Committee—(Meeting held Thursday, July 11.) Meeting called to order at 8 p. m. by Chairman Rotell. The roll was called and absentees noted. Sign Painters No. 510 reported they will parade and will also have a float costing \$900. The following unions announced that they have voted to parade: Plumbers No. 442, Machinists No. 68, Upholsterers No. 28, Office Employees No. 36, Office Employees No. 3, Dry Dock, Marine Waysmen and Stage Riggers No. 3116. It was moved and seconded to give the Sailors' Union of the Pacific the right of line in the Labor Day Parade (which means that they will lead the parade); motion carried. A discussion was held to change the meeting night of the Labor Day Parade Committee on account of the poor showing made on the part of the unions in attending the meetings on Thursday evenings. A motion was made and seconded that we hold meetings on Saturday night instead of Thursday night. Motion lost. In answer to a question as to where flags and pennants could be bought that are union made, it was

Clarion Calls

By TEMPLE SNOOPER

Convention Attendees:

Wm. Hogan—Boston, Mass.
Joe Green and Ray Jeffers—Houston, Texas.
Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Ennor of Blacksmiths No. 168, who recently became grandparents . . . they welcomed a grandson on July 5th.
Having fun up at Lake Tahoe and vicinity is Mary Yahia . . . and in Lake county for a two weeks' vacation is Al Bunn and family.

Suffering from a dislocated shoulder is Eddie Dennis . . . his story is that he was taking his work too seriously and tried to lift more than one milk case at a time . . . in other words he didn't know his own strength!

Everyone attending the Newspaper Drivers Dance at the Civic Auditorium last Saturday, July 13, reports having a gay time.

answered that the A.B.C. Flag and Pennant Company, 1257 Market street, can supply the need of the unions. The next meeting of the committee will be held on Thursday, July 25, at 8 p. m. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p. m. (Report of the committee was concurred in as a whole.)

Request Complied With—From the California State Federation of Labor urging that telegrams be sent to the Congressmen to restore an adequate price control system. From Sailors' Union of the Pacific, requesting support of all AFL bodies on the Pacific Coast and on a Nation-wide scale, in their controversy with CIO dual unions.

Reports of Unions—Delegate Minudri, S. F. City and County Employees No. 747, thanked Secretary O'Connell for his assistance in their fight for conditions in the Sheriff's department and stated that they will need further assistance in that regard. Delegate Vail, Department Store Employees No. 1100, reported that they are proceeding to take strike action against the department stores downtown, and are continuing their negotiations. Delegate from Shoe Clerks No. 410 reported that they are still negotiating with the employers and request the assistance of the Council in their efforts to reach an understanding. Delegate from the Electrical Workers No. 6 reported that they will hold an International Convention in San Francisco in September. Delegate from the Sailors' Union of the Pacific reported that they are going to carry their fight to a finish with the CIO, to give their members the right to fulfill their contract with the ship owners.

New Business—Motion made and seconded that we oppose the appointment of judges and that the officers of the Council be instructed to appear before the Board of Supervisors in opposition to this Charter Amendment; carried.

Announcement—The secretary announced that there would be a meeting of the Executive Committee on Monday, July 15, 1946, at 8 p. m.

Receipts, \$1,937.36; disbursements, \$1,957.07.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 p. m.

JOHN A. O'CONNELL, Secretary.

Sweatshop Conditions End

CHICAGO (ILNS)—Sweat shop conditions have been removed from coffee roasting in the Chicago area as a result of an organizing drive by Warehousemen's Local 738 of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters. For the first time in the history of the industry, vacations with pay, six paid holidays, seven days sick leave and seniority provisions are awarded workers in 21 coffee warehouses signed up in a lightning drive by the IBT. Minimum wages under the contracts are 85 cents an hour for men and 70 cents for women workers.

AFL Building Trades Dept. To Aid Housing Program

WASHINGTON (AFLN)—Marking a long step toward insuring uninterrupted development of the Government's vast emergency home-building program, the Building and Construction Trades Department of the AFL signed a "memorandum of understanding" with Housing Expediter Wilson W. Wyatt signifying agreement "to use every means within its power to bring about a settlement of any industrial conflict that may threaten a stoppage of work."

Signatories to the agreement for the AFL were R. J. Gray, acting chairman of the Executive Council of the Building and Construction Trades Department, and Herbert Rivers, secretary-treasurer. Wyatt and his chief general deputy, Kirby Smith, signed for the Government.

Under the agreement, a Construction Labor Advisory Committee was created by the AFL group. It is composed of Mr. Gray, secretary-treasurer, Bricklayers, Masons and Plasterers; President William Maloney, International Union of Operating Engineers; President Robert Byron, International Sheet Metal Workers; President Edward Brown, International Electrical Workers, and General Organizer Thomas O'Brien, International Teamsters.

Minton Heads Glass Blowers

PHILADELPHIA (AFLN)—James Maloney, an officer of the Glass Bottle Blowers' Association, AFL, for 37 years and president of that union for the last 22 years, resigned as head of the organization "to give way to a younger and more active man."

Mr. Maloney was succeeded as president by Lee W. Minton, a native of Washington, Pa. Mr. Minton was born November 17, 1911, worked for a time for the Hazel Atlas Glass Company, in that city and was appointed national representative by Mr. Maloney in 1937. The following year he became a member of the Executive Board, was appointed international treasurer in 1945 and was made vice-president April 1, 1946, upon the resignation of W. W. Campbell.

British Coal Mine Work Week

LONDON (ILNS)—A five-day work week in the coal mines of Great Britain will soon become a reality, according to an announcement by Emanuel Shinwell, Minister of Fuel and Power, in the House of Commons. The Minister added that the date will be fixed as soon as nationalization of the coal mines is completed and the National Coal Board takes over the industry. In accepting the union demand for a five-day week, Mr. Shinwell stressed the urgent need for attracting labor recruits to the industry. The union has long maintained that it will be impossible to enlist coal miners in sufficient numbers until the five-day week has been put into effect.

Union Split Aiding Negroes

NASHVILLE (ILNS)—Negro workers stand to gain from union rivalries, a Labor official told the Institute of Race Relations at Fisk University. "The AFL is moving in the direction of better race relations because the CIO is pressing us and we have got to reform," said George W. Brooks, of Washington, D. C., director of the department of research and education of the International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers. This "operates also in the opposite direction," he said. "In both unions there is considerable disposition to move slowly, and a discouraging lack of aggressiveness. This is not the time to take it easy."

WE DON'T PATRONIZE LIST

The concerns listed below are on the "We Don't Patronize" list of the San Francisco Labor Council. Members of labor unions and sympathizers are requested to note this list carefully from week to week:

Adam Hat Stores, Inc., 844 Market, 119 Kearny.	1412 Market St. and the Ford Apartments, 957 Mission St.).	Sealey Mattress Company, 6699 San Pablo Ave., Oakland.
Advance Pattern Company, 552 Mission.	Drake Cleaners and Dyers.	Sloane, W. & J.
American Distributing Company.	Farmer Bros. Coffee.	Smith, L. C., Typewriter Company, 545 Market.
Austin Studio, 833 Market.	Forderer Cornice Works, 269 Potrero.	Speed-E Menu Service, 693 Mission.
Becker Distributing Company.	Gantner & Mattern, 1453 Mission.	Stanford University Hospital, Clay and Webster.
Bruener, John, Company.	Gates Rubber Company, 2700 - 16th St.	Sutro Baths and Skating Rink.
B & G Sandwich Shops.	General Distillers, Ltd., 136 Front St.	Swift & Co.
California Watch Case Company.	Goldstone Bros., Manufacturers of overalls and working men's clothing.	"Time" and "Life" (magazines), products of the unfair Donnelley firm (Chicago).
California Chocolates Company, 137 Grant avenue.	Lucerne Apartments, 766 Sutter.	Underwood Typewriter Company, 531 Market.
Chan Quon, photo engraver, 680 Clay.	National Beauty Salon, 207 Powell.	Wooldridge Tractor Equipment Company, Sunnyvale, California.
Curtis Publishing Co. (Philadelphia), publishers of "Saturday Evening Post," "Ladies' Home Journal," "Country Gentleman."	Navaret Seed Company, 423 Market.	
Doran Hotels (Include St. Regis, 85 Fourth St.; Mint, 141 Fifth St.; Hale, 939 Mission St.; Land, 936 Mission St.; Hillsdale, 51 Sixth St.; Grand Central,	O'Keefe-Merritt Stove Co., Products, Los Angeles.	
	Pacific Label Company, 1150 Folsom.	
	Remington-Rand, Inc., 509 Market.	
	Romaine Photo Studio, 220 Jones.	
	Royal Typewriter Company, 153 Kearny.	

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Locksmith Shops which do not display the union shop card of Federated Locksmiths No. 1331 are unfair.

Council Delegates' Convention Report

To the Officers and Delegates of the San Francisco Labor Council, Ladies and Gentlemen:

The first peacetime convention of the California State Federation of Labor since the day of December 7, 1941, opened its business session on June 17, 1946, in the San Francisco Civic Auditorium when Convention Chairman Cancilla called the delegates to their feet for the singing of the National Anthem and "The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag." Approximately 2000 delegates were in attendance. Invocation was delivered by His Excellency, the Most Reverend Archbishop John Mitty. Our own John A. O'Connell welcomed the delegates in his usual happy manner. State Senator and Council President John F. Shelley did a remarkable fine job of introducing civic, State and national dignitaries, who in turn expressed best wishes for a successful convention.

Highlights of the first day's session was the address given by AFL Secretary George Meany, outlining AFL policy on national and international questions. Governor Warren also addressed the convention and was warmly received by the delegates.

Somewhat of a record was established by the Credentials Committee. In their report the fact developed that, with one exception, all credentials were passed without protest. The one protested delegate withdrew.

Over 150 resolutions were dumped into the hopper. Warm debates developed over resolutions having for their purposes the affiliation of the AFL with the World Federation of Trades Unions, the withdrawal of British troops in Greece, etc., etc. The convention vigorously condemned the Ku Klux Klan, the Communist Party and other subversive organizations. The CIO received denunciation of the convention. The Teamsters' fight in the cannery industry was indorsed. Retention of the OPA was concurred in.

Committee reports were interesting. Chairman T. White, Committee on Officers' Reports, rendered in behalf of his committee an extensive yet interesting report. Thomas Rotell, reporting for the Label Investigation Committee, called upon delegates to continue their efforts on behalf of the Union Label and Shop Card. Chairman Joseph Bailey, Rules and Order Committee, reported no change in the accepted convention procedures. The Resolutions' Committee turned in a neat job of getting their recommendations to the convention with dispatch.

Election of officers occupied the attention of the delegates on June 20. The contests were in the Sixth, Ninth, Tenth and Twelfth districts for vice presidents. Charles Real, Oakland, was chosen president without opposition as was Secretary Haggerty. Of interest to this council was the election of A. F. Dougherty, George Kelly, Harry Lundeberg and Vic Swanson as vice presidents.

Of special interest to the Council, will be found in the demonstration given John F. Shelley. The demonstration came during the fourth day of the convention when a resolution called for indorsement of Federation candidates. Shelley, was moved by the demonstration and replied briefly, stating his position as a candidate for the office of Lieutenant Governor of the State of California in the November election.

Adjournment of the convention came at 5:35 on June 21. Some 30 resolutions were ordered referred to the Executive Board of the Federation for disposition. All were non-controversial in nature. San Diego was chosen as the site for the 1947 meeting. Officers of the Federation received the oath of office from State Labor Commissioner John F. Dalton.

In closing, your delegates wish to pay tribute to the Council's Committee on Arrangements. Your committee labored hard for the success of the convention. Visiting delegates expressed complete satisfaction with every phase of the meeting.

May we thank the delegates of the San Francisco Labor Council for tending us the honor to represent the council at the convention.

Fraternally submitted,
ANTHONY CANCELLA
JAMES SYMES

July 19, 1946

The original charter of the United Mine Workers of America, issued by the AFL in 1890, recognized the so-called "industrial" form of organization, by granting jurisdiction over "all persons employed in and about coal mines."

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Bay Area Labor Week

JULY 10—Butchers' Union, through their attorney, charged that employers in San Mateo county were using strong-arm methods in their dispute with the union over Monday closing request of union . . . AFL sailors stop work on nine New York ships in dispute with ILWU stemming from West Coast trouble.

JULY 11—AFL cannery union is preparing its campaign for votes in the collective bargaining election to be held some six weeks hence . . . Labor Secretary Schwellenbach has sent Nathan P. Feinsinger here to study SUP - CIO maritime union dispute.

JULY 12—Local telephone workers hear plan for one union nationally as reported in last week's *Labor Clarion* . . . Nine chain stores in Marin county closed in Monday closing dispute with butchers.

JULY 13—Machinist Union 238 threatens to strike 11 garages in Marin county in a wage increase demand for \$1.62½ and hour for journeymen and \$1.75 per hour for combination mechanics.

JULY 14—While not definite, it is understood that S. F. butchers' union may remove union shop cards from Safeway stores . . . Marin county auto mechanics met agreement with 50 per cent of the shop owners in their wage request; may strike the balance.

JULY 15—NLRB lost in case to have California Processors and Growers, Inc., cited for contempt for signing AFL cannery agreements . . . CIO ship, dock and walking bosses voted to strike August 1 if collective bargaining recognition was not given by ship owners.

JULY 16—Charles Real, California State Federation of Labor prexy, speaking as a teamster union official, assailed San Francisco Butchers' Union Monday closing demands, saying that unions "are concerned only with wages paid and the work week;" Milton Maxwell retorted that Real has made no attempt to get the butchers' side of the story . . . a drive to clip Harry Bridges' California CIO authority by dividing his area into two parts, was asserted to be in the making.

Lundeberg Challenges CIO Maritime Unions

Declaring that ships may sail with all-SUP members as crews, Harry Lundeberg challenged the ILWU's statement that he is starting a jurisdictional dispute. Lundeberg made the statement to the delegates of the San Francisco Labor Council Friday night, July 12.

Mr. Lundeberg sketched for the delegates the history leading to the present dispute which led to the "freezing" of the port of Coos Bay, where two vessels are tied up. In concluding his statements, Lundeberg asked that the support of the council be given to the SUP in the dispute. The delegates almost unanimously pledged to assist in the fight with the CIO maritime groups should the dispute be enlarged.

Masters, Mates and Pilots' national organization has pledged to the Sailors' Union of the Pacific and the Seafarers' International Union 100 per cent support to uphold the sanctity of agreements and to resist any attempts by the CIO maritime groups to raid jurisdiction held by the SUP-SIU. Local 90 concurred in the national organization decision.

Following placing of picket lines around ships in New York and Baltimore, Lundeberg called off such picketing. This move was taken in firm conviction of the right of the SUP position.

Store Clerks Reach Agreement

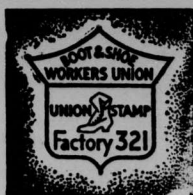
Pursuing a policy consistent with good collective bargaining in face of stubborn opposition at times, Retail Department Store Employees, No. 1100, agreed to a settlement of their demands for a basic \$4.40 weekly "across the board" increase. Other features of the contract will raise the weekly pay increase to approximately \$8, it was stated. Wendell Phillips of the Labor Council executive committee assisted in the negotiations.

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Praise for City Motor Coach Operation Cited

The following article was prepared by Electrical Workers' Union, No. 6, and is presented by the *Labor Clarion* in behalf of public interest:

From time to time we have been singing the praises of the electric trolley coach as being indispensable to modern mass transportation. We have boasted that they are "tough," and have estimated their useful life at 20 years. Now we must confess that there has been a trolley coach motor failure. However, in consideration of the fact that the combustion motor failures on gasoline powered busses occur after three to five years of service, all will admit that those trolley coaches are tough.

The failure occurred on a 33 line coach, which operates between Haight and Stanyan streets, and the foot of Harrison street. These coaches operate over a route which includes hilly streets in the Twin Peaks area. In consideration of the strenuous service required of these coaches, 11 years of service without a major failure amply demonstrates the superiority of the electric coach in comparison to other types of equipment.

During the war period the trolley coaches at Haight barn, as well as other railway equipment, did not have the full attention of electrical mechanics. Often it was necessary to have fewer men than were employed in normal times to service cars and coaches. In some instances the equipment was not serviced at all. We are advised that this latter condition occurred while the Market Street Railway Company was operating the line. Under these circumstances it is a miracle that the trolley coaches have given such service and major failures have not occurred long ago.

Local Union No. 6, IBEW, has put forth the idea right along that competent mechanics—E 202 Senior Electric Railway mechanics—should be maintained on the Municipal Railway repair forces in greater numbers than exist at present. To back this up, Local No. 6 representatives have contended that the intricate electrical equipment used on trolley coaches and the new P.C.C. streamlined street cars, will need the attention of well trained and skilled senior mechanics to prevent mechanical and electrical failures.

Bearing in mind that prevention of failures is worth a ton of cure, and that prevention of failures will result in better transportation service, the union has sponsored a school to train the electric railway shop mechanics in their duties. This course of training will include a series of lessons on the maintenance and repair of trolley coaches and P.C.C. cars.

During 1945 the repair department of the Municipal Railway operated with 88 E 200 mechanics (helpers), and about 75 E 202 senior mechanics. It stands to reason that the majority of E 200 men at \$1.05 per hour are not qualified to maintain the more intricate electrical and mechanical equipment. Thus the ratio that existed up until June 30, 1946, may be said to be partly responsible for mechanical and electrical failures which may not have occurred if equipment had been maintained by senior mechanics at \$1.50 per hour.

Realizing this, the management of the Municipal Railway in submitting its budget for the fiscal year 1946-47 requested approximately 70 per cent senior mechanics. For some unknown reason this percentage was cut back to 60 per cent, which would provide a smaller number of skilled mechanics. The ultimate result would be useless deterioration of any new modern equipment the road may acquire and further deterioration of present equipment.

New Job Opportunity

Trans World Airlines has leased a building at 1044 Broadway, Burlingame, to use as "flight kitchen" to prepare meals to be served on TWA air liners, and expect to spend approximately \$40,000 completing it, according to G. R. Thornton, TWA district manager. The new kitchen will employ 35 local bakers, cooks and kitchen helpers. It is expected to be ready in two months.

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